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To: Jose Torres/R6/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 06/13/2011 04:32 PM
Subject: Re: aquifer exemption

This is great news that the EPA will make a travel request for funds to allow travel to Goliad for a public meeting.

When we met with the EPA in Dallas, mention was made that the EPA had 45 days to make a decision. I would appreciate a clarification of any deadlines and make sure that the public meeting will be held prior to any deadlines or any action taken.

I agree that an evening meeting is preferable to allow for participation by all. With having an evening meeting, I assume that a Monday date would be OK having the day to travel but I suggest avoiding a Friday evening which would require return travel by EPA representatives on Saturday.

Jose, thanks again for these considerations.
Art Dohmann

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From: Torres.Jose@epamail.epa.gov

To: [Art Dohmann](mailto:Art.Dohmann)

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Sent: Monday, June 13, 2011 12:55 AM

Subject: Re: aquifer exemption

Thank you Mr. Dohmann for your message of Saturday, June 11, 2011. You have inquired about the status of the plans for an EPA public meeting with citizens of Goliad County regarding the Aquifer Exemption (AE) request for the Goliad Project. A formal AE request was recently received at the Regional Office. Late last week, my Section Chief, Mr. Philip Dellinger, informed that our Branch is ready to request approval for Invitational Travel in connection with this proposed public meeting in the city of Goliad.

The invitation, if I understood you correctly, is from the GCGCD for three EPA officers to meet with Goliad County citizens. Since the Region's office of General Counsel has advised that it will entertain such a travel request for possible approval, my managers have suggested a time window for the meeting between late July and early August. An early evening meeting has also been suggested, so that those citizens who otherwise would not be able to attend due to their work schedule can be there. Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to request that you provide us with a date and time for the meeting, so that I can initiate the paper work for the travel request as soon as possible.

Thank you again for writing, and I look forward to hearing from you. Best regards,

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From: "Art Dohmann" <artdohmann@gmail.com>
To: Jose Torres/R6/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 06/11/2011 09:36 AM
Subject: aquifer exemption

Jose,
Could you give me an update on the status of a public meeting in reference to the requested aquifer exemption in Goliad County?

Thanks,
Art Dohmann

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From: Jose Torres/R6/USEPA/US
To: Philip Dellinger/R6/USEPA/US@EPA, Ray Leissner/R6/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 05/09/2011 06:29 PM
Subject: Fw: Proposed Public Meeting Between Goliad County Citizens and Members of EPA, Region 6 Staff

Hello Phil, Ray:

Shown below is a suggestion from Mr. Art Dohman, president of the Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District, concerning a possible trip of members of the Region's staff to Goliad in order to hold a Public Meeting on the UEC permit and AE request. Please let me know if you have comments/questions/recommendations on this. Thanks,

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----- Forwarded by Jose Torres/R6/USEPA/US on 05/09/2011 06:25 PM -----

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Date: 05/09/2011 05:27 PM
Subject: Re: Proposed Public Meeting Between Goliad County Citizens and Members of EPA, Region 6 Staff

Mr. Torres,

I very much appreciate that Region 6 supports having a public meeting on uranium in-situ mining in the drinking water Gulf Coast Aquifer in Goliad County.

We recognize the cost restraints that are affecting all of us.

If the public meeting were held in Goliad, I estimate that several hundred people would attend. A meeting in Dallas is also very welcome and a smaller group would attend due to scheduling and cost.

Would the citizens and organizations from Goliad County paying for the staff of Region 6 to travel to Goliad be an option?

The Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District will be having a Board meeting on May 16 at which time we can act on acceptable options.

What would you see as number of staff members and duration of the meeting?

Regards,

Art Dohmann

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From: Torres.Jose@epamail.epa.gov

To: [Art Dohmann](#) ; [Jim Kreneck](#) ; [Ted Long](#)

Sent: Monday, May 09, 2011 4:27 PM

Subject: Proposed Public Meeting Between Goliad County Citizens and Members of EPA, Region 6 Staff

Mr. Dohmann, Commissioner Kreneck, Commissioner Long:

Even though no formal request for an Aquifer Exemption (AE) for the Goliad Project has been received from TCEQ, EPA, Region 6 has long favored the proposal by concerned Goliad County citizens for a Public Meeting with members of this office's staff to discuss issues related to the now TCEQ permitted

in-situ uranium mining operations in Goliad County.

However, my immediate superior, Mr. Philip Dellinger, Chief of the Ground Water/UIC Section, informed me this morning that unfortunately, due to some very stringent budgetary measures within EPA, the Region's travel budget has been drastically reduced, making it impossible for any members of the Region's staff to travel to Goliad for the purpose of holding the proposed public meeting in the foreseeable future.

Upon the recommendation of my Section Chief, I take this opportunity to convey to you that the Region supports the idea of holding such a public meeting, and would like to propose holding the meeting in the EPA Regional office in Dallas. I anticipate that you may need some time to consult with the stakeholders before a decision is made regarding a meeting in Dallas, so, I want you to know that I am ready to hear your thoughts on the possibility of a group of Goliad County citizens traveling to Dallas to meet with us.

I look forward to hearing from you regarding this matter. Please feel free to phone/e-mail me at your convenience. Regards,

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